EMERSON-GARFIELD FARMERS' MARKET

2016 OFFICIAL VENDOR APPLICATION



The **Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market** is entering its fourth season and invites local and regional artists, produce and meat vendors, food trucks, makers of artisan products and musicians to participate.

Overview: The Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market is an initiative of the **Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council** in partnership with **Project Hope Spokane**. Additional support comes from committed local organizations. Its aim is to foster a sense of community while providing access to unique artisanal products and fresh, affordable food that is grown or raised locally. The market's inaugural year in 2013 was an exceptionally strong start; and thanks to closer neighborhood collaborations, more event tie-ins and increased awareness, subsequent seasons have built on that robust foundation.

- During the 2016 season, the market will run from **June 10** to **September 30** (a total of 17 weeks). The market takes place every Friday from 3 to 7pm.
- Full-season application fees are just **\$175** (prior to April 15) or **\$225** (on April 16 or later). Booth spaces on a per diem basis are only \$15.
- The market location is **806 W Knox Ave**, Spokane, WA 99205 (parking lot of Knox Presbyterian Church). There is a possibility that it will move one block west to **2002 N Monroe** (parking lot of Silver Auctions) prior to the start of the season; this has yet to be confirmed and approved by all parties involved.
- Thanks to the involvement of Catholic Charities, the market will once again be accepting EBT (aka Quest, SNAP, food stamps) as well as FMNP (or WIC) vouchers. It also participates in the Fresh Bucks program.
- Market sponsors include Crossfit Dūrātus, Landie Chappell (Prime Lending) and Washington Grown.

Important points to bear in mind:

- Application fees are waived once again this year for returning vendors. New vendors must pay a \$5 application processing fee, due at the time the application is submitted.
- Vendor selections will be made on a rolling basis. Payment is due within 14 days after the application has been approved and the vendor has been notified accordingly.
- As this is a grassroots, community-oriented market, we expect our vendors to have a stake in its success. This means helping with promotion (e.g., Facebook, flyers) and registering to accept FNMP vouchers.
- Be sure to read and sign the Market Rules <u>before</u> submitting them along with your application. Please pay particular attention to the cancellation policy.
- Further updates and additional info at: http://market.emersongarfield.org

Name of Business		
Full Name of Business Owner		
Description of Business and Products		
General Price Range of Products		
Primary Phone (e.g., cell)	Alternate Phone (e.g., home or work)	
E-mail Address		
Mailing Address (including city, state, ZIP)		
If you are applying for a booth space for the entire season, will you be available for all of the market days? If not, please note how many days (and, ideally, which dates) you anticipate missing.		
If you sell meat/fish/poultry/seafood and other value-added products, please provide the names and contact information of the certified facilities where they are processed.		

If applying for a booth space for an entire season, which do you qualify for?				
[] \$175 (applying prior to April 15, 2016) [] \$225 (applying on April 16, 2016 or later)				
If applying for a booth space on a per diem basis, which date(s) are you applying for?				
[]June 10 []June 17 []June 24	[]July 1 []July 8 []July 15 []July 22 []July 29	[]August 5[]August 12[]August 19[]August 26	 [] September 2 [] September 9 [] September 16 [] September 23 [] September 30 	
Is there any additional information (e.g., vendor preferences, requirements) that you would like the market selection committee to be aware of?				

Please mail or e-mail your completed application to:

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Market Rules 2016

The Market Rules are in place to ensure that the community receives the highest quality farm products grown or produced by local area farmers and to set the operating guidelines for market activities.

 Vendors must grow, produce or wild craft all products sold at the market. Only farm products grown by the vendor on the farm owned or managed by the seller. Products from U-pick operations, warehouses, gleaning, and so forth are not allowed. Wild-crafted (wild-harvested) products (e.g., huckleberries, mushrooms) are allowed. Crafts must be manufactured by the seller with their own hands. Commercial, secondhand or imported items are prohibited.
 Market times run from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on Fridays. Vendors should be in place one half-hour prior to opening and shall not take down their booths prior to closing.

3. <u>EBT/Credit/Debit Program</u>: Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market will accept USDA food stamps (EBT cards), credit cards, and debit cards. This program operates on a token system utilizing \$1 and \$5 tokens designed to be used at the Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market. Additionally, due to our partnership with Project Hope, these tokens will also be valid at the West Central Marketplace. Each vendor is required to sign the Vendor Agreement for the EBT/credit/ debit program in order to sell at the market. The Vendor Agreement and the application must be on file with the manager. Market staff will provide support and training to each vendor so that they can successfully participate in this program. All vendors who wish to participate in the market must provide the market manager with their weekly sales totals. Sales will be recorded on the forms provided by the market manager each week.

The market will also offer an incentive program, Fresh Bucks, which will match \$2 for the purchase of fresh produce for every \$5 in EBT the customer spends. Fresh Bucks will be issued as a separate voucher much like the token currency used for credit/debit and EBT, and can be redeemed with individual vendors. No change can be given on Fresh Bucks vouchers. Catholic Charities will be helping to administer these assistance programs.

4. <u>WIC/Senior FMNP vouchers</u>: Vendors must be signed on and approved to receive payment from these programs.
5. <u>Pricing</u>: Pricing of goods is up to the vendor; but pricing below cost, thereby resulting in the undercutting of other vendors, is not allowed. In keeping with the market's mission, we do ask that vendors keep affordability in mind. Pricing complaints or questions will be subject to board review.

6. <u>Booth Space</u>: Booths shall be identified with a sign bearing the farm or vendor's name. Booths shall be kept clean and orderly during marketplace times and the spaces shall be cleaned (to include the removal of all incidental trash) prior to vacating the market. All vendors who erect canopies (including umbrellas) are required to safely anchor it to the ground. Plastic buckets filled with water and secured with bungees is the common method. Whatever the method, there should be at least 25 lbs of weight on each leg of a canopy or umbrella.

7. <u>Conduct</u>: Vendors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner. Vulgar, aggressive or inappropriate language is prohibited. No smoking, alcohol or vendor's pets are allowed on the market site. Any

customer or vendor grievances should be brought to the on-site market manager and if necessary they will be brought to the governing board for resolution. Customers with a legitimate complaint

about the quality of a product should be given a full refund or replacement by the vendor when requested.

8. <u>Fees</u>: The per diem fee is \$15.00 per booth space. Full-season rates are \$175.00 prior to April 15, 2016 and \$225.00 after that date (barring a pro-rated free agreement). New vendors must pay a \$5 application fee.

9. <u>Vendor Approval Process</u>: The governing board of the Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market will review and approve vendor applications on a rolling basis. Vendors will be approved based on the market rules and goals, and to make sure we have a diverse and quality lineup of products and crafts. We desire to maintain a majority of gross sales from farm products, which might mean limiting the number of craft vendors on any given day.

10. <u>Compliance</u>: The vendor is solely responsible for compliance with all applicable rules and regulations governing the growing, production, and marketing of the goods.

11. <u>Cancellation Policy</u>: The market manager must be notified of cancellations by 12:00pm on Wednesday of the same week. If notice has not been received of the cancellation, a written warning will be sent to the vendor. The second time such an occurrence happens a written warning as well as a \$20 fee will be assessed to the vendor and the vendor will not be allowed to sell at the market until the fee has been paid. A third occurrence will be grounds for removal from participation in the market. No refund of full-season fees will be given when a vendor is removed due to a rules violation.

12. <u>Inclement Weather</u>: The market will be cancelled only at the discretion of the market manager. In the case of inclement weather or concerning weather warnings prior to the opening of market, the market manager will call vendors to notify them of a cancellation. In the case of possible inclement weather or warnings, vendors should still arrive at the market as normally scheduled. Otherwise the market will run normally, weather permitting.

I have read and agree to abide by the above rules and further agree to allow the Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market governing board access to my farm or place of production for the purpose of verifying that the products sold at the market have been grown on the farm by the vendor or hand produced by the crafter.

Vendor Name (please print)

Signature